

**MINUTES OF THE
SOMERS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2018**

The special meeting of the Somers County Water and Sewer District was held on February 28, 2018 at the Somers Museum.

President Ruth Hellen called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.. Present were Mark Manning, Bob Foley, Don Peters and Karen Rhodes. Andy Loudermilk, Manager/Operator and Shari Johnson, Engineer were also present.

Shari presented the bids for the Summit Avenue Construction Project.

We received 2 bids, one from LHC and the other from Downing Construction.

Shari had included a questionnaire in the bid documents to all contractors, she also did research on references for the two companies.

LHC has been in business in Montana for 49 years. They are familiar with rock hammering and rock blasting.

Downing has been licensed to work in Montana for 6 years. He is connected with a company in California and is a satellite business of that company. They do not have experience in rock blasting. They currently have 2 excavators and a dump truck in Shelby. It is unclear if they would bring in a construction crew from California or if they would hire locals here.

LHC has all their equipment and crew here in Montana.

The bid had 3 schedules to award if we deem all 3 to be done at once.

One of the schedules has to do with asphalt and paving of the road(s) affected by the construction.

Shari pointed out that there is a large difference in the bid for asphalt. Downing's bid was considerably lower for this and he stated that his subcontractor for paving will be LHC. Shari had called him asking him about the extreme difference between LHC and his proposal to use LHC. He had stated that he would be willing to accept the contract if all 3 phases were awarded to him, otherwise he would not be interested.

Discussion was held concerning the asphalt phase. At this time it is unknown how much work will be required as we do not know the extent of the damage. Shari suggested we remove the asphalt phase until we get about ½ way through construction. At that point we could go out to bid for asphalt as to how much damage there is.

Shari will be keeping in contact with the County road department during the project to see what they will require for repairs.

Bob stated we need to be careful about Summit Avenue as the elevation at this time is high and can cause yards to flood. We need to keep that in mind when re-doing this road.

Karen moved. Don second.

RESOLVED to award the contract to LHC for the project, minus the asphalt repair. The total bid awarded is \$520,702.50 to LHC.

All Aye.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m..

Minutes approved at the March 14, 2018 meeting: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary